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THE HAMBURG APPLE MARKET



Prices paid for American apples at the Hamburg auction on Thursday, March 3, 1927, show a downward tendency for both boxed and barreled varieties compared with the high levels prevailing during the past several weeks, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. The prices paid, however, were still considerably above Liverpool levels. The margin in favor of Hamburg is attracting shipments from British ports.

Oregon Yellow Newtowns are arriving in Hamburg in an overripe condition and are showing a slight amount of decay, states Mr. Smith. Many barreled apples are also appearing in an overripe condition and with a small amount of vitality. Barreled varieties in such condition sold generally at from \$3.16 to \$5.35 per barrel. Supplies of barreled apples are heavy. Buying power in Hamburg is better than anticipated, states Mr. Smith. The demand is active on high grade fruit. New York Rhode Island Greenings brought from \$7.06 to \$8.03 per barrel as against \$8.03 to \$9.00 last week and \$4.11 to \$5.35 at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday.

The following table shows the prices paid for American apples on the Hamburg auction during the past two weeks:

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Feb. 24, 1927	March 3, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Baldwin, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up	New York	\$6.81 - 8.52	\$5.60 - 7.30
Rhode Island Greening, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up	"	8.03 - 9.00	7.06 - 8.03
Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up	Virginia	6.81 - 8.52	5.60 - 7.30
Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up	"	6.81 - 8.52	6.08 - 8.03
York Imperial, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up	"	6.81 - 8.52	a/
Winesap:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	3.16 - 3.65	2.92 - 3.65
Yellow Newtown:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	b/ 2.68 - 3.41	2.43 - 3.89
Fancy, 163/175	"	a/	1.50 - 3.16
Ortleys:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	"	3.89 - 4.38	3.41 - 4.87

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Poor condition.

